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Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations: standardized access control

Thirty-sixth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the interim report, in advance form, of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations: standardized access control" (A/60/695).

2. The General Assembly, in its resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004, decided to defer until the second part of its resumed fifty-ninth session consideration of the Secretary-General's proposal on the global access control system, pending receipt of a detailed report of the Secretary-General. The Advisory Committee subsequently noted that the Secretary-General intended to address the Assembly's request in detail in a comprehensive progress report to be submitted at its sixtieth session and that, in the interim, the Department of Safety and Security intended to comprehensively assess security requirements relating to access control and formulate a strategic global approach, to establish a project access control team and to develop an implementation strategy (A/59/785, para. 3). As stated in A/60/695, the Secretary-General is now proposing to proceed in two phases, with a second report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session.

3. The Advisory Committee was informed that the anticipated project time frame remains unchanged, i.e., the initial six months of the implementation phase noted in paragraph 24 of A/60/695 will overlap with the planning and preliminary design phase, the time frame for which remains unchanged at six to nine months.

	Anticipated project duration (A/59/776, para. 3; A/59/785, para. 5; and A/60/695, para. 26)
Planning and preliminary design of the project	6-9 months
Implementation phase	18-24 months
Total project duration	**24-33 months**

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4. The Advisory Committee recalls that the Secretary-General reported on individual projects at the various duty stations in his report on the status of work in the implementation of infrastructure projects to strengthen the security and safety of United Nations premises (A/60/572/Add.2). The Committee trusts that the remaining approved projects will be implemented expeditiously and that full account will be taken of lessons learned at other duty stations with regard to standardized access control.

5. As stated in paragraph 8 of A/60/695, the global access control project, as set out in document A/59/365/Add.1 and Corr.1, "entails system and information-sharing within and among all duty stations". However, the Secretary-General now indicates that the implications of linking locally integrated United Nations security systems into a global network require further analysis.

6. The Advisory Committee was assured that any work completed or under way with regard to standardized access control would not be rendered obsolete with the onset of the capital master plan, regardless of the eventual option(s) chosen by the General Assembly in this regard; the Committee expects that a full explanation will be provided in the next report (see para. 8 below).

7. **The Advisory Committee has no objection to the two-phase approach proposed by the Secretary-General; it intends to revert to the matter and to submit comprehensive recommendations on access control when it reports on the project proposals to be submitted by the Secretary-General at the sixty-first session of the General Assembly. In this connection, the Committee notes the intention of the Secretary-General to meet estimated requirements for the first phase in the amount of $23,683,000 through the "temporary" reprioritization of projects approved for the current biennium under section 32, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and in the budgets of the International Tribunals. The Committee points out that such resources as may be required to carry out projects that have been delayed or deferred would have to be requested separately by the Secretary-General and subject to the normal review and approval process of the General Assembly.**

8. **In this connection, the Advisory Committee notes further that the detailed plan and estimated resource requirements (including the replacement funding component with respect to measures to be implemented in 2006 in the context of the first phase) will be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session. Upon enquiry, the Committee was informed that any proposals contained in the detailed plan, if approved by the General Assembly, would be implemented starting in January 2007. The Committee expects the detailed plan to be submitted no later than September 2006, subject to such decisions as the Assembly may take with regard to the renovation strategy under the capital master plan.**